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I believe if all the Clergy in the Colony, were
to indulge in the Vices of the Place, they would be
much more esteemed than what they are —
with respect to the Active her annual Expenses
are very heavy. I stated to you about four years
ago, that I did not conceive she would pay
her own Expenses by & so on her own means. I am
still of the same Opinion, unless I can employ
her in some other Service, such as procuring
oil &c. occasionally, which I intend to attempt —
The Duties upon the Timber at Port Jackson, and
other expenses in the Port are very heavy, so that
the Timber will not pay. As the House of Alexander
Pirnie & Co. of London have employed a Brig
for two Voyages between Port Jackson and
the South Sea Islands trading amongst the
Islands for Pork &c. which Brig was sent by
one of the Partners of the House who resides here.
Mr. James Pirnie, I requested him to give me
an Account of the Profits and Loss upon the
two last Voyages, a Copy of which I forward
to you. From this Document I was not far out in
my Calculation, as you will perceive that
Mr. Pirnie sustained a real Loss of nearly 1000.
I merely send you this to show you that the
outfits of Vessels here are very heavy, and that
merchants, who understand the Business can-
not make it answer — Mr. Pirnie has allowed
nothing for the Interest of the Capital sunk